

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A trim for sealing a joint between a vertical wall that
5 surrounds a bath tub type enclosure and a [~~horizontal~~] horizontally situated edge
surface of the bath tub, against water flow penetration, where in the past this joint
had been sealed by caulk like substance that is exposed to water, and is thus
subject to deterioration, the trim comprising:

10 (a) an elongated trim, made of a rigid water impervious material, with a front-
side and a back-side, the front-side having a top-front-side and a bottom-front-
side and the back-side having a top-back-side and a bottom-back-side;

(b) the top-front-side having a convex curvature and the bottom-front-side
15 having a concave curvature, wherein the convex and concave curvatures form a
continuous S-shape curvature that channels the water falling on the trim into the
tub;

(c) the top-front-side joining the top-back-side at an acute angle to channel
water falling on the wall away from the trim and the bottom-front-side joining the
20 bottom-back-side also at an acute angle to channel the falling water away from
the trim into the tub;

(d) the top-back-side having a plurality of recesses for holding an adhesive-
sealant compound, wherein the top-backside can be affixed to the vertical wall
[surface of the joint];

(e) the bottom-back-side having a recess for holding an adhesive-sealant
25 compound, wherein the bottom-back-side can be affixed to the joint between the
vertical wall and [~~horizontal~~] horizontally situated edge of the tub surfaces,
wherein the trim is installed at the joint between the wall and the tub, without
visible caulk that is exposed to water, to channel the flow of water away from the
joint.

2. (currently amended) The claim as in 1, wherein water imperviousness of the trim comprising: the front-side glazed and the back-side un-glazed, when the trim is made of ceramic.

3. (currently deleted)

4. (currently deleted)

5. (currently pending) The claim as in 1, wherein, the trim having a flat left-edge and a flat right-edge, for joining a plurality of trims side by side.

6. (currently pending) The claim as in 5, wherein, either the right-edge or the left-edge having a 45 degrees bevel, for joining two trims at a 90 degree angle.

7. (currently pending) The claim as in 5, wherein, either the right-edge or the left-edge having a 45 degree bevel, for it function as a last trim piece.

8. (newly added) A new system of sealing a flexible joint in an enclosure for a bath with surrounding vertical walls; wherein in prior art, the flexible joint between the enclosure and the walls is sealed with an exposed caulk against water penetration, the new system comprising:

(a) an elongated ceramic trim that replaces the exposed caulk, has a glazed front-side and an unglazed backside, the front-side has a continuous S-shape curvature with a convex part joining the backside at an acute angle and a concave part joining the backside also at an acute angle;

(b) the backside having a flat surface with a plurality of recesses for holding an adhesive-sealant compound;

(c) the trim with the adhesive-sealant compound having been applied to the backside, affixed to the vertical wall with the concave portion positioned next to a horizontal edge of the enclosure, thereby enabling the trim to channel

water away from the flexible joint while hiding the adhesive-sealant compound from exposure to water.

9. (newly added) The claim as in 8, the trim further comprising: the trim, has a left-
5 side and a right-side that is flat at an angle of 90 degrees to the backside, enabling a plurality of trims to be joined at either side in a straight line.

10. (newly added) The claim as in 8, the trim further comprising: the trim has a left-
10 side and a right-side that is beveled at an angle of 45 degrees to the back side, thereby enabling two trims to form a right angle corner when placed next to each other.

11. (newly added) The claim as in 8, the trim further comprising: the trim has a left-
side and a right-side, one of these sides, beveled at an angle of 45 degrees to the
backside, thereby enabling the beveled edge trim to be the end trim.

12. (newly added) The claim as in 8, where the trim is manufactured with a material
15 other than the ceramic, but having similar water impervious and durability properties as the ceramic.